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SUBJECT: RHODESIA: PROPOSED LAGOS SUMMIT

DEPARTMENT PLEASE REPEAT TO USUN FOR AMBASSADOR YOUNG.

1. JOHNNY GRAHAM CALLED EMBASSY OFFICER MORNING OF MARCH 20 REGARDING PROPOSED FRONTLINE SUMMIT IN LAGOS DURING PRESIDENT'S VISIT. HE SAID HE HAD NOW RECEIVED THE INITIAL VIEWS OF CALLAGHAN AND OWEN WHO BOTH FELT THIS SHOULD BE A SUBJECT FOR DISCUSSION WITH PRESIDENT CARTER IN WASHINGTON THIS WEEK. GRAHAM POINTED OUT THAT HMG STILL HAS NOT RECEIVED EVEN A HINT OF THE PROPOSAL FROM THE NIGERIANS.

2. GRAHAM THEN SAID HE HAD LEARNED FROM UKUN THAT AMBASSADOR YOUNG WAS PLANNING TO SEE NYERERE, KAUNDA AND POSSIBLY MACHEL DURING HIS SOUTHERN AFRICA VISIT BEGINNING MARCH 21 AND THAT ONE PURPOSE OF THE YOUNG TRIP WOULD BE TO ENCOURAGE FRONTLINE SUPPORT FOR THE SUMMIT. THIS, GRAHAM SAID, SEEMED INAPPROPRIATE AND HE WOULD LIKE "RATHER FORMALLY" TO RAISE AN OBJECTION. BEFORE BEGINNING A CAMPAIGN FOR THE SUMMIT, THE US AND UK LEADERS SHOULD HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS IT,
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AND THE PROPOSITION OUGHT AT LEAST TO BE BROACHED TO HMG BY THE NIGERIANS.

3. WE WOULD APPRECIATE GUIDANCE WE COULD PASS BACK TO GRAHAM.

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